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SUBJ: US ANTI-DUMPING ACTION: HOSIERY KNITTING MACHINES FROM ITALY
AND AUTOMOBILES

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 3 DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER MATTER, MINISTRY
FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) REP SIMEONE (DIRECTOR, EC/GATT AFFAIRS AND
CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF EC 113 COMMITTEE) EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF THAT
ITALY HAS ONLY ITSELF TO BLAME FOR CURRENT US ANTI-DUMPING IN-
VESTIGATION OF HOSIERY KNITTING MACHINES FROM ITALY. IN HIS
OPINION, INVESTIGATION STEMS FROM PUBLIC CHARGES MADE BY EGAM
(ENTE AUTONOMO DI GESTIONE PER LE AZIENDE MINERARIE METALLURGICHE,
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GOI-OWNED MINING/METALLURGICAL/MANUFACTURING HOLDING COMPANY)

OFFICIALS THAT A PRIVATE ITALIAN FIRM, WHICH COMPETES WITH AN EGAM COMPANY IN PRODUCING HOSIERY KNITTING MACHINERY, WAS DUMPING ITS PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES. RESULTING INVESTIGATION, OF COURSE, ALSO ENCOMPASSES EGAM-PRODUCED PRODUCTS.

2. SIMEONE INDICATED THAT, WHILE ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT EC 113 COMMITTEE MEETING, HE DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT MEMBER COUNTRY REPS "TO GET EXCITED" ABOUT THE US INVESTIGATION. USG ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION ON AUTOMOBILES WILL BE MAJOR AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, ACCORDING SIMEONE; 113 COMMITTEE REACTION WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S INJURY FINDINGS, WHICH SHOULD BE RELEASED JUST BEFORE 113 COMMITTEE MEETS.

3. COMMENT. ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC) SUFFER FROM FOOT-IN-MOUTH DISEASE. SENIOR FIAT OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY CHARGED ALFA ROMEO WITH DUMPING AUTOMOBILES IN US IN COMPETITION WITH FIAT.VOLPE

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